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April 5, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary of the Department
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 04-33: Verizon Consolidated Arbitration

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer, dated March 26, 2004, 1-800-Reconex, Inc. (Reconex or Company) submits this letter affirming its intent to participate in the above referenced Petition for Arbitration. Reconex, however, does not intend to actively participate in the arbitration.

While no other party or parties will formally represent our Company, it is our position that the major CLECs (AT&T, MCI, Sprint etc.), as well as, the carriers of the Competitive Carrier Coalition, bring such a high degree and breadth of experience and expertise to these proceedings that it is unfathomable that the interests of Reconex (or for that matter, all other similarly situated small CLECs) would not be represented.

Since the inception of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) the above scenario is precisely how the vast majority of the interconnection agreements between Verizon and the CLECs have been effectuated. Specifically, a major CLEC would commence negotiations with Verizon, ultimately arbitrate the agreement before a commission, and the smaller CLECs would subsequently opt-in to the arbitrated agreement. With the exception of the procedural defects in Verizon's filing, which have been well documented in the various Motions to Dismiss, and the fact that various commissions, including Massachusetts, are prematurely heading down this path with the state of the law in such an unsettled state, this current proceeding varies little from the normal course under which interconnection agreements have historically been developed under the Act. As such, Reconex does not envision an active role in these proceedings.

The D.T.E. currently has the correct contact information for Reconex on its existing Service List which is as follows:

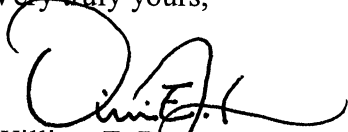
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Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 503.982.5573.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William E. Braun', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

William E. Braun
Vice-President & General Counsel

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cc: Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer
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